

2012 Point in Time Count

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Asheville-Buncombe

HOMELESS INITIATIVE



Guiding Principles

Everyone has the right to housing

There are achievable solutions to homelessness and actions should be based on those solutions

People experiencing homelessness should inform planning, and be informed of plans.

Consistent, accurate data and measurable results should inform decisions.

Resources should be used responsibly, in a coordinate fashion

People & the groups that support them have unique and diverse needs that require multiple solutions

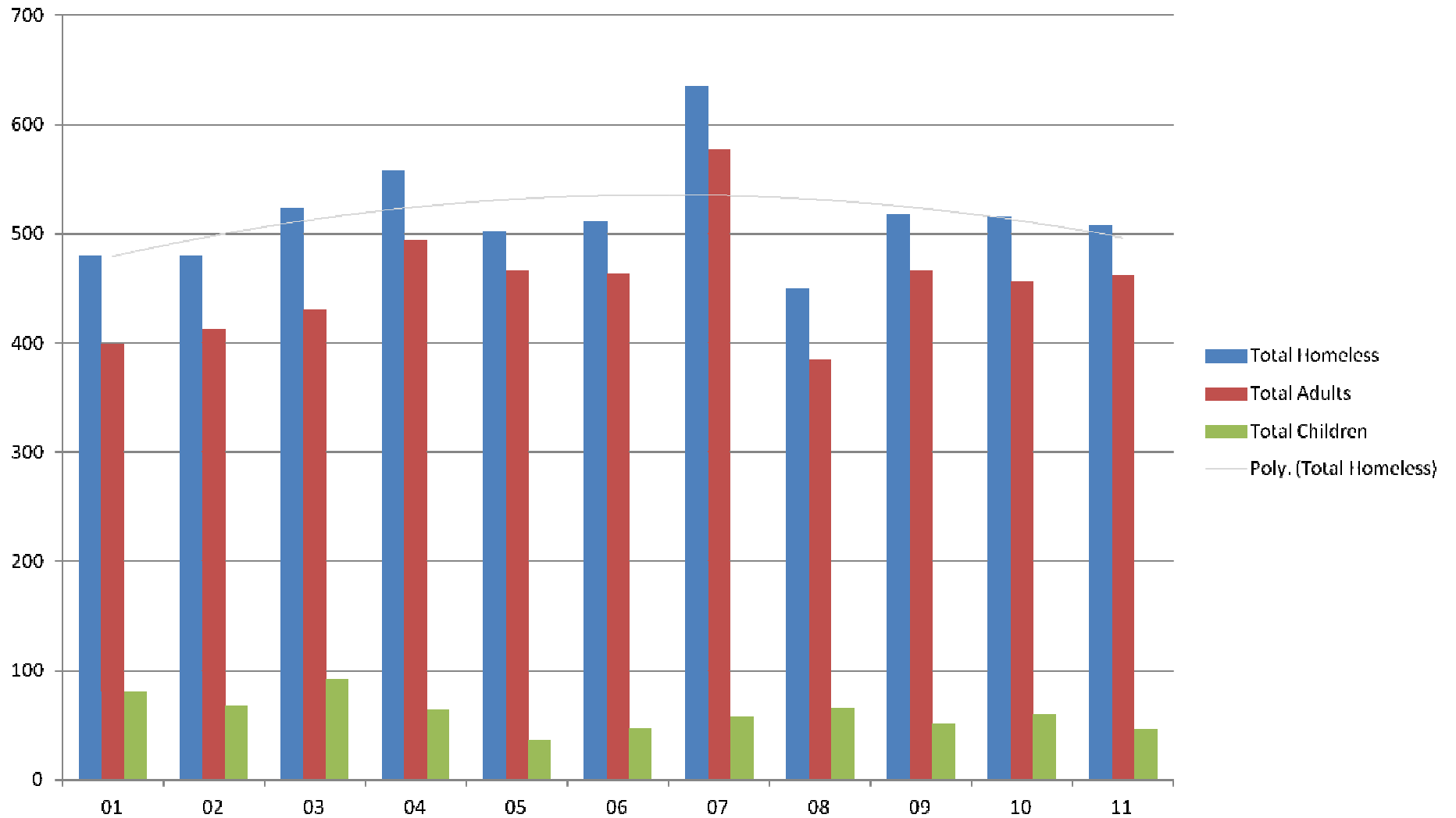
What is a Point in Time Count?

- A count collects **basic information** about people who are sheltered and unsheltered and experiencing homelessness in our community.
- A **snapshot** of the homeless population on a given night.
- The Point in Time Count is part of our **Data Suite**.

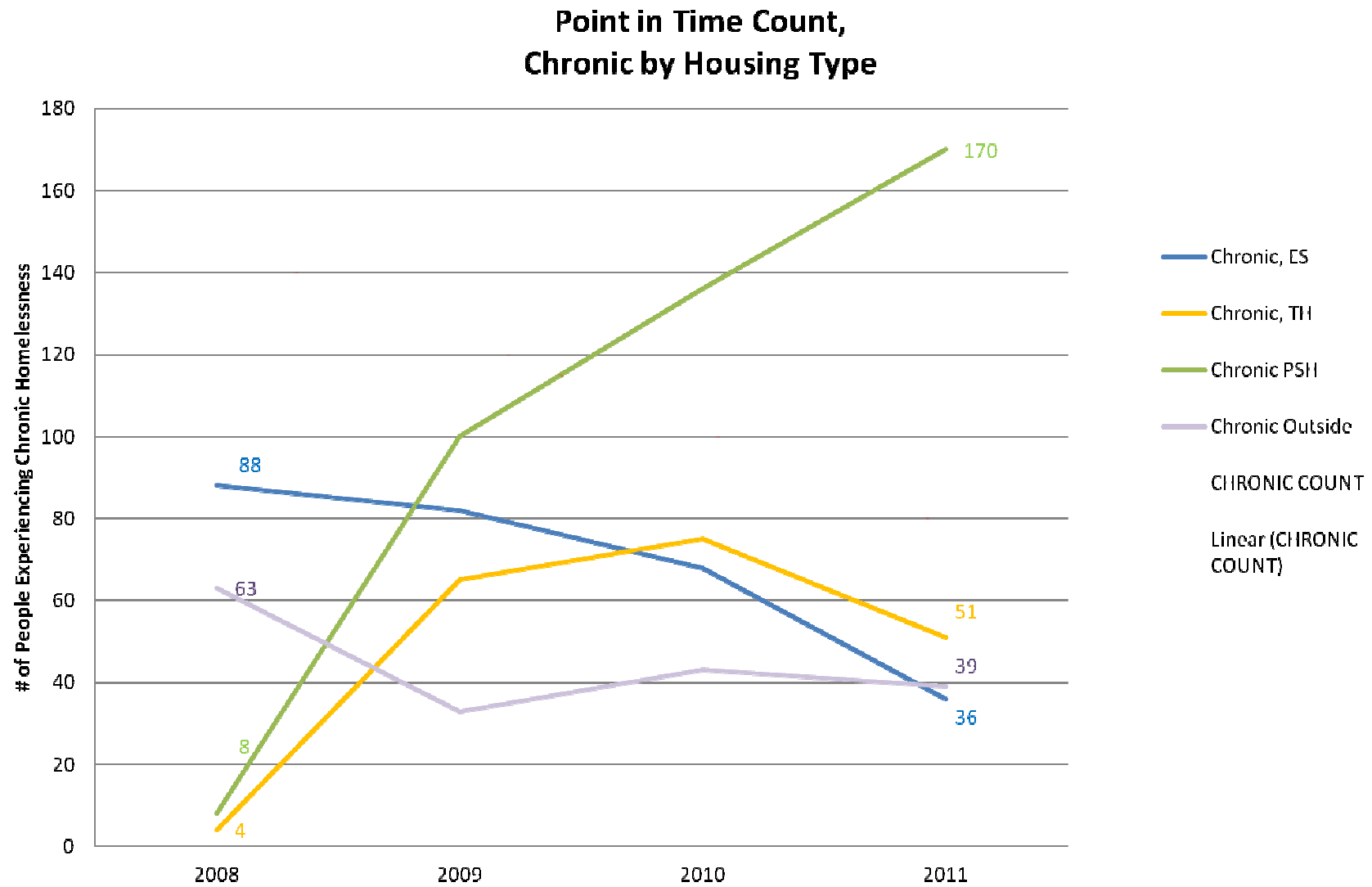
Why?

- We need accurate data to:
 - Determine size and scope of homelessness
 - Plan appropriately to address housing & services needs.
 - Measure progress of our efforts.
- HUD needs data to:
 - Understand homelessness across the nation
 - Provide Congress with information
 - Inform funding decisions.

Point in Time Count, Total Number of People Counted 2001-2011

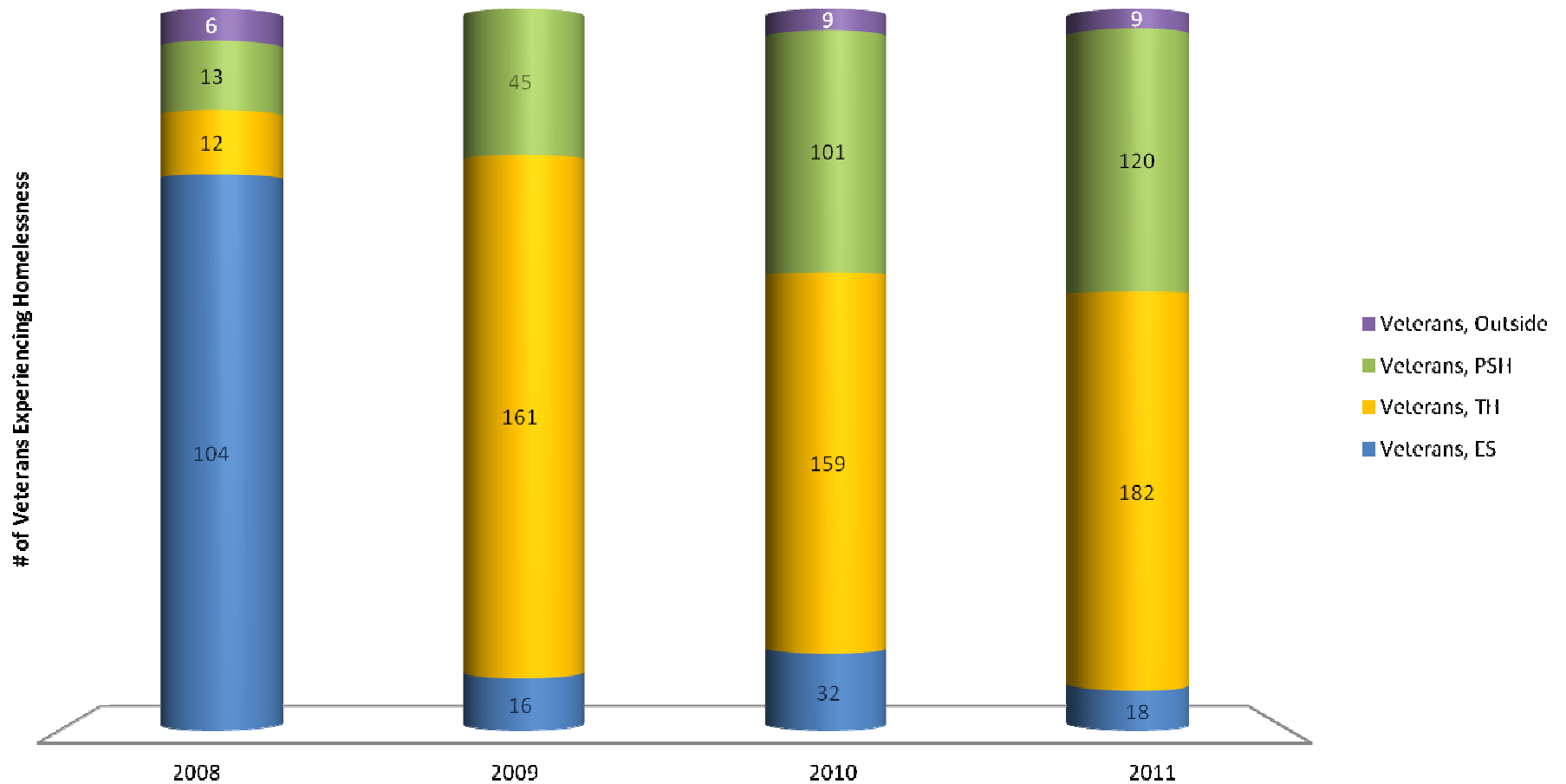


Focus: Chronic Homelessness

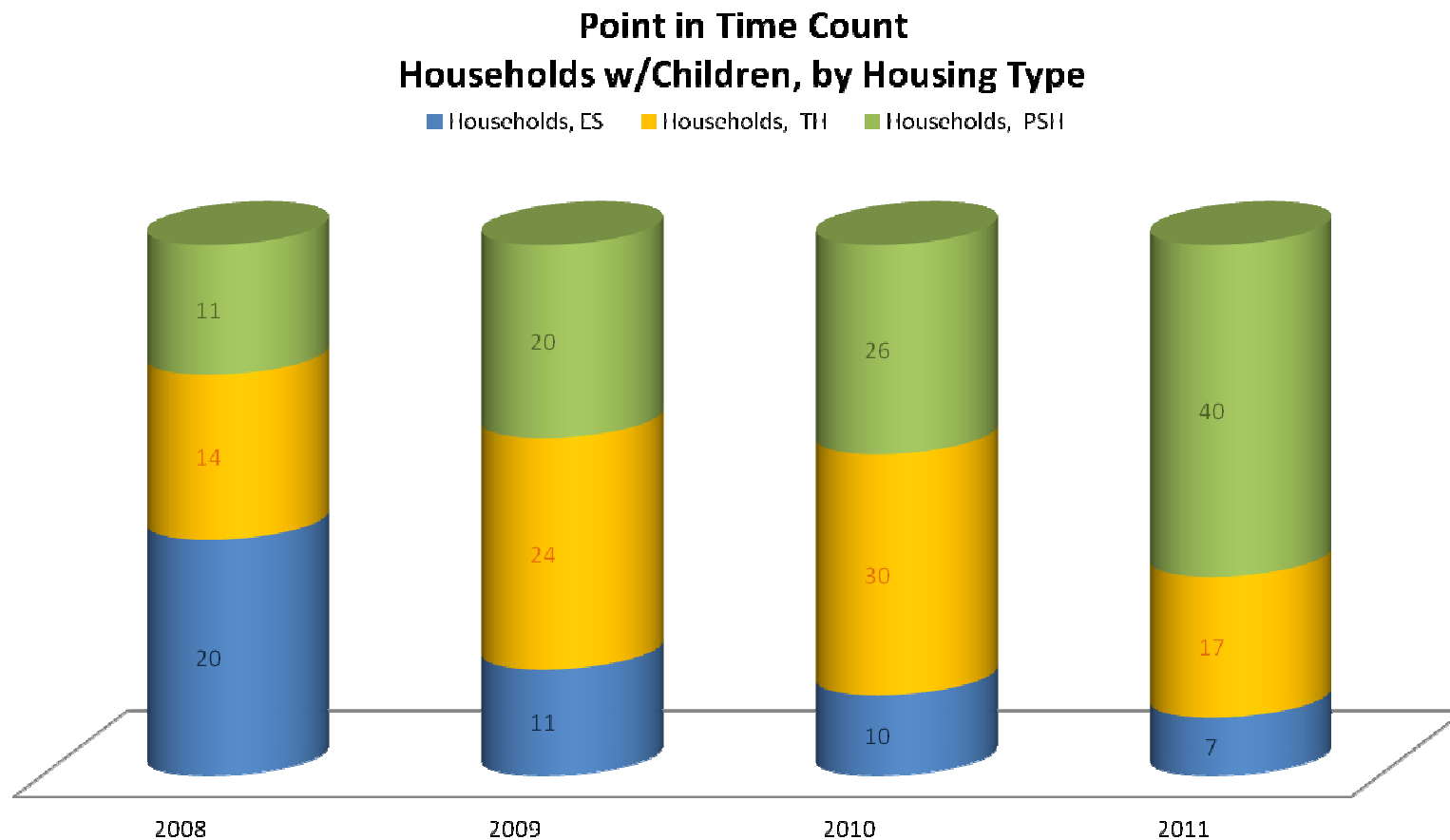


Focus: Veterans

Point In Time Count,
Veterans by Housing Type



Focus: Households w/Children



Who gets counted?

- People who are literally homeless, staying in:
 - Emergency Shelter
 - Public/Private funded shelters (less than 90 day stay)
 - Domestic Violence Shelters
 - Seasonal Shelters
 - Hotel/Motel Voucher paid for by agencies.
 - Transitional Housing designated for Homeless People
 - A place not meant for Human Habitation such as a car, park , abandoned building, sidewalk or street.

Chronic Homeless

An unaccompanied adult (18 or older) with a disabling condition

OR

A household with at least one adult member (18 or older) who has a disabling condition

AND

Who has either been continuously homeless for a year or had four episodes of homelessness in three the past three years.

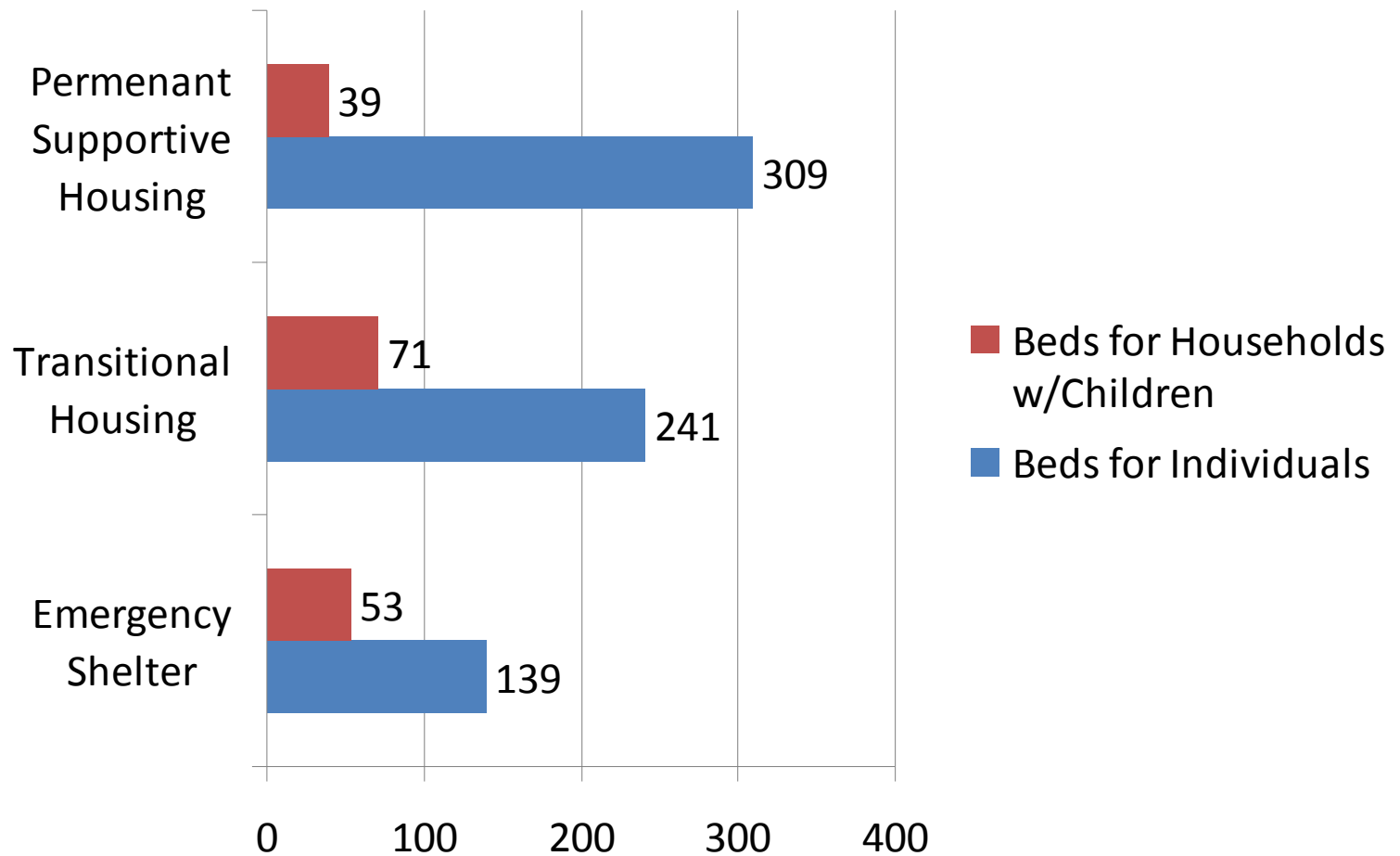
Also counted, but not reported to HUD

- People living in **doubled-up** situations
- Students at **school** & their families
- People in hospitals, mental health, chemical dependency, or criminal justice **facilities**.
- People in **residential facilities** not designated for people experiencing homelessness.
- People living in **hotels/motels** that they are paying for themselves.

Housing Inventory

- How many beds/units does each housing program have on any given night?
- What type of beds/units are offered?
 - ✓ *Beds for individuals, families, children*
 - ✓ *Seasonal Beds*
 - ✓ *Overflow Beds*
 - ✓ *Hotel/Motel Beds*
 - ✓ *Emergency, Transitional, Permanent Beds*
 - ✓ *Transitional - are they voucher or facility based?*

FY 2011 Housing Inventory



Households

- Households w/Dependent Children
 - At least one adult and one child are present on the night of the count.
- Households with ONLY Children
 - Households in which every person is under the age of 18. Example: unaccompanied children, adolescent parents, siblings.
- Households WITHOUT Dependent Children
 - Single adults or adult couples with no children present. Also includes adults who have children, but whose children are not present on the night of the count.

Sheltered Count

Use the Sheltered Count form to report data.

- People residing in emergency shelter
- People residing in transitional housing
- Formerly homeless persons residing in permanent, supportive housing

Unsheltered Count

- Use the Unsheltered Count Form to submit data.
- Will be led by Homeward Bound, A-Hope Team. Contact Asia James if you know of people who are unsheltered and want to be sure they are counted.
- Completed using observation and interviews.

Other Counts

- Facility – jail, hospital, other facilities
- At Risk of Homelessness – use to count people who are doubled up, precariously housed
- School Count – completed by school liaisons
- Needs Report – 211 reports on how many people call for housing services/support
- Foster Care – DSS reports on how many children do not have a stable placement.

Sub-Populations

- Same as in years prior – categories are NOT mutually exclusive.
- Unaccompanied youth is different than section II (Only Children) – count only unaccompanied youth and children of parents under 18, not the parents.
- The hardest question: Discharge to Homelessness. No matter how long they've been homeless, were they in a facility within 30 days PRIOR to BECOMING homeless?

Using HMIS

- Must have prior approval from the Homeless Initiative office.
- Will still need to complete the housing inventory survey portion of the count.
- Should ensure that all clients who stayed with the program on the night of the 25th are in the system and accurate by 5PM on 1/26/2011.
- Homeless Initiative will pull a report & submit it to you, you will need to verify data is accurate.

UPDATES for 2012

- Chronic Homelessness includes families.
- New Bed Inventory Category:
 - Beds for Households w/Children ONLY
- New Transitional Housing Bed Types: Facility vs. Voucher
 - Facility Based – located in residential facilities that clients must vacate when they exit the program.
 - Voucher – provide time-limited subsidies in conventional rental housing that clients continue to occupy after they exit the program.

UPDATES for 2012

- Emphasis on counting veterans
 - A veteran is someone who has served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States. This does not include inactive military reserves or the National Guard unless the person was called for active duty.
 - Ask:
 - Have you served in the US Armed Forces?
 - Were you activated, into active duty, as a member of the National Guard or as a Reservist?
 - A “YES” to either question = A Veteran

Group Discussion:

- Are we missing any programs?
- What is the process your program will use to conduct the point in time count?
- What form will you use?
- Are you planning on using HMIS?
- Do you need assistance to conduct the count?

Resources:

www.ashevillenc.gov/homeless

www.hudhre.info